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The letter states that DEAG, forerunner to Meletex, had been instructed on 24 November 1950 to undertake the purchase of iron binding wire annealed to a strength of from 3.4 to 4 mm. The cash funds, however, could be obtained only after the sale of bookkeeping machines in January 1951, and in the meantime Meletex had taken over from DEAG the winding up of the transaction. The funds remaining from the sale of the machines amount to DM West 11,035.50. Meletex is commissioned to procure ten tons of the above-mentioned binding wire for a total price of DM West 7,700.00 for an important export shipment to the USSR by DIZ (Deutsche Handels-Zentrale) Holz, Berlin, Behrenstrasse 47. The Ministry of Foreign Trade suggests the firm of Erwin Koss, Berlin-Hornsdorf, Schulzendorferstrasse 41 as supplier. The account is held by DIZ-Holz, and Meletex will be instructed later as to the expenditure of the remaining amount of DM West 3,335.50 in favor of DIZ-Holz.

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Comment: This document would appear to confirm other information to the effect that, in February 1951, DEAG underwent a reorganization as a result of which the functions of DEAG are to be shared by two separate organizations. The first, to retain the name of DEAG, would handle normal overt trade affairs, while the second, to be called Meletex GmbH (Me-Metalle, Le-Lebensmittel, Tex-Textilien), would be in charge of illegal trading activities.

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